

Port Neches Response

News Release #35 – Monday Morning Situational Update

Port Arthur, Texas – Unified Command reports ongoing response efforts at TPC Group Port Neches Operations remain focused on safely bringing the event to an end.

Situational update: Response efforts continue to progress. TPC Group plans to restart some equipment on-site this week to further enable response efforts. The restart of this equipment may be heard off-site.

Small fires in the impacted area of the site, identified by Unified Command on December 6, continue to be contained and have not increased in intensity. Response teams continue to monitor and assess.

TPC Group has completed phase one of the injection of DEHA (Diethylhydroxylamine) to high priority tanks containing butadiene. DEHA injection for the second phase of tanks will begin this week. No off-site impacts or public health concerns are anticipated as part of the DEHA process. All storage tanks are being evaluated for mechanical integrity and prioritized for safe transfer of all materials from the site.

TPC Group is also notifying the community and industry that there will be a replacement alarm system installed on-site this week. Testing of the alarm system will begin as soon as it is installed, and Unified Command will notify the public with specific testing dates and times, once available. There may be elevated noise levels in the area near Port Neches Operations due to the testing. We appreciate your patience as we put this essential safety equipment in place.

Environmental update: Air and water quality monitoring is ongoing and continues to confirm no health impacts to air or water in the community.

Traffic Update: Portions of Spur 366 remain closed for the safety of the responders and the surrounding area. Traffic updates will continue to be provided as available. The latest traffic information follows:

Closed – Portions of Spur 136 near TPC Port Neches Operations remain closed, including:

- Intersection of Spur 136 at Highway 366
- Spur 136 to Highway 366 in front of TPC Port Neches Operations
- Highway 366 between Spur 136 & Park Street

Public Information Update: Unified Command has migrated to a new Facebook page. Community members are encouraged to follow the page for updates at <http://facebook.com/portnechesuc>.

Updates and information will continue to be posted:

On the web: www.portnechesresponse.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC

Twitter: @PortNechesUC

U.S. EPA: www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire

TCEQ: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident>

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